

REMARKS

Claims 1-21, and 23-39 were presented for examination.

Claims 1-13 were rejected, and claim 10 was objected to because of an informality.

Claims 1 and 3-5 are cancelled herein. Claims 2 and 6-13 have been amended to recite dependence from claim 14.

Claims 14-21 and 23-39 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 14 is amended herein.

Reconsideration of this application as amended, and allowance of all pending claims, claims 2, 6-21 and 23-39, are hereby respectfully requested.

Objection to Claim 10

Claim 10 was objected to because it mistakenly recited dependence from itself. Claim 10 has been amended to recite dependence from claim 14.

Claims 14-21 and 23-39: Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 14 was objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants are hereby amending claim 14 to include all of the limitations of claim 1 from which it previously depended. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 14 and its dependent claims 15-21 and 23-39 are now allowable.

Claims 2 and 6-13

Claims 2 and 6-13 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 14, discussed above. Applicants respectfully submit claims 2 and 6-13 are now allowable for the reason of their dependence from allowable claim 14, as well as for the other patentable limitations they particularly recite.

Closing

In light of these amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that all other rejections are moot, and the pending claims, claims 2, 6-21 and 23-39, are in condition for allowance. Therefore, an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that for any reason direct contact with Applicants' attorney would help advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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